Memorandum United States Bankruptcy Court Western District of Washington November 23, 2011

Amended Local Bankruptcy Rules and Forms

The Court has adopted amendments to the Local Bankruptcy Rules (LBRs) effective December 1, 2011. The amended rules, along with a redline showing the changes to the current rules, and new and amended local bankruptcy forms, including a revised chapter 13 form plan, are posted on the court's website, www.wawb.uscourts.gov. Below are the highlights of some of the major changes made in the amended rules; however, this document is not intended as a substitute for reading the rules and forms as amended.

- New Federal Bankruptcy Rules go into effect Dec. 1, 2011. See summary at http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/FederalRulemaking/PendingRules.as px#proposed0911
 - New procedures for mortgage creditors, supplemental proofs of claims, and procedures for determining whether a mortgage obligation remains at the end of the chapter 13 plan
 - o Expanded disclosure requirements for chapter 9 and chapter 11
- New Local Bankruptcy Rules effective Dec. 1, 2011. See the court's website
 for the new rules and forms, as well as a redline with changes from the existing
 rules. A more searchable version of the local rules will be posted in upcoming
 weeks.
 - Chapter 13 debtors will pay fee for amending schedules; amended Schedule C to be served on all affected entities (LBR 1009-1)
 - New procedure for requesting a continuance of or alternative means of appearance at section 341 meetings (LBR 2003-1)
 - Clarification of financial reporting requirements for debtors-in-possession (LBR 2003-1)
 - New procedures for Chapter 13 plan confirmation and post-confirmation modification (LBR 3015-1)
 - Streamlined procedure for incurring debt post-confirmation for purchase of a motor vehicle (LBR 3015-1)
 - Revised notice period for relief from stay (from 28 days to 21 days)(LBR 4001-1)
 - Clarification of timing and method for producing documents to the trustee (LBR 4002-1)

- Local requirement for a separate pleading on summary judgment eliminated (LBR 7056-1)
- o 3-day mailing rule eliminated (LBR 9006-1)
- Expanded notice requirements on motion to shorten time (LBR 9013-1)

New and Revised Local Bankruptcy Forms

- Revised Chapter 13 Form Plan (Section X revised to reflect national rule on mortgage claim procedures)
- Form Order for Chapter 13 Plan Modification (Form 13-6)
- Procedures for Motion on Hardship Discharge (Forms 13-7 and 13-8)

• Thomas T. Glover Mediation Program

New rules, LBR 9040-1 through 9050-1, and new forms, ADR 1 – ADR 7, introducing the court's alternative dispute resolution program.

Practice Tips and Reminders

- E-orders reminder to use standard embedded fonts (see "Practice Tips" on court website for more information); our e-orders program cannot accommodate nonstandard fonts
- Fee increases many of the court's fees were increased effective
 November 1, 2011, www.wawb.uscourts.gov/view.htm?f=6&id=696&v=5
- CM/ECF will be unavailable on Sunday, November 27 as we install CM/ECF version 4.2 to accommodate the national changes for mortgage claims procedures.